

wherein the spacers absorb ionic impurities and dissipate electrostatic charges.

13. The liquid crystal display of claim 12, further comprising a pair of polarizers attached to the outer surfaces of the first and the second panels, wherein polarizing directions of the polarizers are substantially perpendicular to each other.

CI 14. The liquid crystal display of claim 13, wherein the spacers align the liquid crystal molecules near the spacers substantially parallel to surfaces of the spacers.

15. The liquid crystal display of claim 13, wherein the spacers align the liquid crystal molecules near the spacers substantially perpendicular to the surfaces of the spacers.

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It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is believed that no new matter is added by this amendment. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned **“Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.”**

If the Examiner desires any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below to expedite prosecution.